



PHG Update: March 11, 2021

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. Throughout this pandemic, we will provide clinical and operational updates as they become available to support the provider community.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#).

Please feel free to contact us directly at (937) 499-7441 if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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### Value-Based Services Update

The Premier Health Group Board meeting was held on February 25 and we would like to share a few updates from this meeting. Beginning with a few accomplishments from 2020:

#### Bundle Payment for Care Improvement - Advanced (BPCIA)

- Coordinated efforts in the development of the BPCIA Skilled Nursing Facility Performance Network based on qualitative and quantitative data with the focus on care redesign
- Development of BPCIA Hospital Based Committees that review site-specific data to determine required actions for modifications in operations

#### Premier Health Group (PHG) and the Clinically Integrated Network (CIN)

- Successfully began recruiting provider groups for participation in the CIN
- Working with Front Health data analytics, claims data for current value contracts can be analyzed
- Reducing variation in care through evidence-based care paths being developed (currently respiratory, sepsis, UTI, and others based on opportunities identified)

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Looking ahead to the future, we have identified four strategies that PHG will focus on.

1. **Build market distinctiveness**

- a. An emphasis on growing attributed lives and total cost of care management through the CIN
- b. Develop integrative care models with aligned specialists across key services lines

2. **Advance physician partnership and alignment**

- a. Through the creation and effective execution of the CIN, align providers in a provider-centric revenue driven model and a patient-centric care model attaining the quadruple aim of higher quality care, lower cost, with enhanced patient experience and physician satisfaction
- b. Jointly contract with major purchasers in the market (e.g., payors, employers, CMS) on value-based care contracts
- c. Work toward steps to provide independent provider groups with analytic dashboard access and determine data flow required from provider groups

3. **Reimagine consumer engagement and experience**

- a. Design and deploy clinical performance improvement initiatives focused on shared quality, access and patient satisfaction goals
- b. Establish seamless electronic scheduling functionality to enable better patient access to specialists

4. **Drive industry-leading productivity**

- a. Share clinical and claims data across value-based care contracts to enable more effective patient management across the continuum of care
- b. Maintain current care redesign process through BPCIA with current providers

**COVID-19 Clinical Update: February 26**

Premier Health hospitals came out of a Code Yellow for COVID in mid-February, but we are still in a national public health emergency for COVID-19. Additionally, most counties in Ohio are in a level 3 Public Emergency, indicating very high exposure and spread. View Ohio Public Health Advisory System [here](#). All of these initiatives are still in place at Premier Health hospitals, **even for those individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine:**

- **Universal Masking:**
  - Everyone must still wear a mask when in any of our facilities. The only exceptions are when you are eating or alone in a private office.
  - As a reminder, we must maintain distance in breakrooms and other gathering areas when masks are removed.
  - Currently, we are NOT recommending double masking. We encourage you to be familiar with ensuring a good fit with the appropriate style mask. For more information, view the CDC [Guide to Masks](#).



- Screening all patients for COVID-19:
  - There is no change in our screening at this point even for individuals who have received vaccines. It has not been demonstrated that vaccines fully prevent infection thus screening will continue for now. This decision may change later this year as more data becomes available. We will continue our current process of swabbing patients upon admission and as part of pre-admission testing.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**

We would like to make you aware that later this evening we will begin scheduling eligible Ohioans to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. These clinics will be held on the following dates:

**Monday, March 15:** UD Arena, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm - *vaccine clinic operated by Miami Valley Hospital*

**Tuesday, March 16:** Countryside YMCA, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm - *vaccine clinic operated by Atrium Medical Center*

Please encourage family and friends who meet the criteria at the end of this email to sign up. They can do so in three convenient ways:

- Use their Premier Health MyChart account.
- [Schedule online](#)
- Call our vaccine scheduling line at (937) 276-4141 (open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily)

### **Current State of Ohio vaccine eligibility criteria**

All Ohioans age 50 and older are now eligible to be vaccinated. The governor also expanded eligibility for people younger than age 50 based on occupation and qualifying medical conditions.

#### **New Eligibility by Occupation**

- Child Care Services
- Funeral Services
- Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers
- Firefighters

#### **New Eligibility by Medical Condition**

- Women who are pregnant
- People with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Bone marrow transplant recipients
- People with type 1 diabetes
- People with type 2 diabetes
- People with end-stage renal disease

To see a full list of eligibility criteria, visit the [Ohio Department of Health website](#)

To learn more and schedule your appointment, visit our [vaccine hub](#).



### A Free Colorectal Cancer Webinar

If you feel your patients would benefit from attending a free webinar on colorectal cancer, please share this information with them. They can attend this webinar on Wednesday, March 31, from 6 to 7 p.m. given by Premier Health. This event will provide a free virtual event on colorectal cancer, from prevention and the various screening options, to treatments and support services you'll find at Premier Health.

#### Featuring:

Moderator: James Ouellette, DO:  
Premier Surgical Oncology

#### Speakers

- Matthew Doepker, MD:  
Premier Surgical Oncology
- Mark Marinella, MD:  
Dayton Physicians Network
- Fayez Abboud, MD and Kenneth Reed, DO:  
Premier Gastroenterology Specialists
- Mikki Clancy:  
Premier Health Cancer Institute

**Registration is required.** Sign up at [PremierHealth.com/CancerEvent](http://PremierHealth.com/CancerEvent) Or, call (866) 608-3463 to register.